(ii) The participation of the most vulnerable age group, i.e. 0-3 years, is higher than in any previous child welfare programme about 45 per cent of the children receiving supplementary nutrition being below 3 years of age.

(iii) The immunisation coverage of children in the ICDS project areas is substantially higher-sometimes even three to four times higher-than in the non-ICDS areas.

(iv) Decline in infant mortality and birth rates and greater acceptance of family planning in ICDS project areas, as summarised below, has been noticed:—

Item	ICDS Areas 1981	National Figures 1981
Infant Mortality Rate	88.2	110.0
Birth Rate	24·2	33.3
Pregnancy Prevalence Rate	1.8	2.8

(v) Other positive trends, like increased birth weights of babies, greater prevention of disability by immunisation, control of vitamin A deficiency and anaemia, have also been noticed.

फर्रुखाबाद की मीटर लाइन का बड़ी लाइन में परिवर्तित किया जाना

2307. **श्री कैलाश पति मिश्र :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) फर्रुखाबाद की मीटर लाइन को कब तक बड़ी लाइन में परिवर्तित कर दिए जाने की संभावना है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने फर्रुखाबाद–लखनऊ में से सिर्फ कानपुर–लखनऊ भाग को ही परिवर्तित करने का निर्णय किया है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उक्त निर्णय के परिणामस्वरूप कई जिला केन्द्रों को लखनऊ से न जोड़े जाने के क्या कारण है ?

रेल मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री माधवराव सिंधिया) : (क) कानपुर-कासगंज मीटर लाइन खण्ड का बड़ी लाइन में आमान परिवर्तन और इटावा और अलीगढ के लिए नयी बड़ी लाइन के सर्वेक्षण कार्य को 1989–90 के बजट में प्रस्तावित किया गया है ।

(ख) जी हां ।

(ग) कानपुर-लखनऊ मीटर लाइन खण्ड का बड़ी लाइन में आमान परिवर्तन हो जाने के बाद जिला केन्द्रों का लखनऊ के साथ रेल सम्पर्कों पर कोई प्रतिकूल प्रभाव नहीं पड़ेगा । यात्रियों को केवल कानपुर में मीटर लाइन से बड़ी लाइन की तथा बड़ी लाइन से मीटर लाइन की गाड़ी बदलनी पड़ेगी ।

Educational Schemes for NRI Children

2308. **SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:** Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the non-resident Indians have requested Government to make available adequate facilities for college and university education in India for their children;

(b) whether they have pointed out that their children get alienated from the Indian culture and heritage because of their education in schools abroad; and

(c) if so, whether any concrete proposals or schemes are being considered to provide Indian education to the children of of non-resident Indians; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (c) The Children of non-resident Indians are eligible for admission to Colleges|Universities in India. However, respresentations are received from non-resident Indians about the problems faced by their children in seeking admissions o universities|colleges due to domiciliary qualifications. The University Grants Commission, which had also considered the suggestion to reserve seats for children of non-resident Indians in the universities in the country, felt that such reservations would not be appropriate. The Commission, however, felt that steps could be considered for relaxing the time schedule for submission of applications by non-resident Indians, and assisting them by providing information on equivalence of qualfications obtained by their children in foreign countries, etc. There is, however, no concrete proposal|scheme under consideration to provide Indian education to the children of non-resident Indians.

Modern hostel for Railway employees at Gwalior

2309. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a modern hostel for railwaymen at Gwalior;

(b) if so, whether this hostel has been well-equipped and fully furnished with all amenities;

(c) if so, what is the number of employees who would be entitled to avail of the facility and to what extent it would be beneficial to the employees; and

(d) whether such hostels are also being provided at other places in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir. However, a 40 bedded subsidised hostel has been set up at Gwalior for student children of Railway employees.

(b) The hosel is equipped with adequate amenities.

(c) All railwaymen whose pay does not exceed Rs. 1719|- per month are eligible for this facility. Student children of railway employees posted at outside stations lacking educational facilities, will greatly benefit from this facility in having uninterrupted studies.

(d) One such hostel is under construction at Indore.

Extension of Fazilka-Rewari Train upto Delhi

2310. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to extend the Fazilka-Rewari train up to Delhi and to convert it into a fast passenger train so as to provide a direct rail link for the people of Fazilka and the adjoining areas with Delhi; and

(b) if so, by when and if not, what are the reasons therefor

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWYAS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Due to operational and resource constraints.

Seminar on University autonomy

2311 SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact a seminar on university Autonomy and related issues was organised recently in Trivandrum